cal trunk portion **1** having a predetermined length is formed, and a pair of joint portions **5** are integrally formed on the two ends of the trunk portion **1**, thereby constituting the hinge main body. The pair of joint portions **5** project from the two ends of the trunk portion **1** for a predetermined length in one direction perpendicular to the axis of the trunk portion **1**, so that the joint portions **5** and the trunk portion **1** form a bracket. First shaft projections **7** are formed on the proximal-side end faces, near the trunk portion **1**, of the joint portions **5** of the hinge main body to project for a predetermined length in the axial direction of the trunk portion **1** so as to fit in the predetermined portions of the protection cover **8** of the portable type electronic equipment. Second shaft projections **6** are formed on the distal-side end faces of the joint portions **5** to project for a predetermined length in a direction parallel to the axis direction of the trunk portion **1** so as to fit in the predetermined portions of the case **9** of the portable type electronic equipment.

As shown in FIG. **4**, concerning at least one shaft projection **7** formed on the proximal-side end face of the joint portion **5**, a circular hole **14** having a predetermined depth in the axial direction of the cylindrical portion, and a notch **11** extending to reach the inner wall of the circular hole **14** are formed near one end of the trunk portion **1** having a predetermined length. A spring **4** is inserted in the circular hole **14**, and thereafter a cylindrical slide shaft projection **7***a* having a through hole **15** in its side surface is inserted in the circular hole **14**. The slide shaft projection **7***a* has such a length that, when it is slid for a predetermined distance to the left (indicated by an arrow) in FIG. **4**, its projecting amount from the right end of the corresponding joint portion **5** becomes 0. When the slide shaft projection **7***a* is slid in the direction of an arrow to decrease the projection amount to 0, the protection cover **8** can be mounted on/detached from the case **9**.

When a knob **3** is pressed into and fixed in the through hole **15** through the notch **11** to project upward for a predetermined length, the slide shaft projection **7***a* constantly biased to the right in FIG. **4** by the spring **4** serves as a stopper as the knob **3** abuts against the outer circumferential end of the notch **11**. Therefore, the slide shaft projection **7***a* will not drop from the circular hole **14**.

The projection amount of the slide shaft projection **7***a* from the right end of the trunk portion **1** can be freely changed by operating the knob **3**.

In the hinge portion **18**, when the protection cover **8** is built into the case **9** in the closed state, projecting portions **16** directed radially downward are formed at least on the two outer shaft projections **6**, as shown in FIGS. **5**A and **5**B. The projecting portions **16** coincide with notches **10***a* formed in elastic members **10** accommodated in the case **9**.

When opening the protection cover **8**, the hinge portion **18** pivots about the shaft projections **6** as the center such that the projecting portions **16** ride over the notches **10***a* while elastically deforming the elastic members **10**. For this reason, the hinge portion **18** accepts a constant resistance. The positional relationship between the projecting portions **16** and the notches **10***a* of the elastic members **10**, and the numbers of projecting portions **16** and notches **10***a* may be freely set.

FIGS. **6**A and **6**B show a state wherein a portable type electronic equipment having the hinge structure of the present invention is joined with a notebook (e.g., a system notebook) **20** having binder pawls **17**, in which FIG. **6**A is a plan view, and FIG. **6**B is a sectional view taken along the line VIB—VIB of FIG. **6**A.

In this case, the trunk portion **1**, and the joint portions **5** formed on the two ends of the trunk portion **1** must have dimensions as follows. More specifically, the length of the trunk portion **1** must fit with the length across the plurality of binder pawls, its outer diameter must fit with the inner size of the binder pawls **17**, and the width of the joint portions **5** must fit with the size between adjacent binder pawls.

FIG. **7**A is a partial front view of a hinge structure according to the second embodiment of the present invention, and FIG. **7**B is a partial detailed view of FIG. **7**A.

Referring to FIGS. **7**A and **7**B, in this second embodiment, a substantially dish-shaped elastic member **43** having a through hole **47** having a diameter larger than the outer diameter of the shaft projection **46** is built on at least one shaft projection **46** through its through hole **47** (see FIG. **7**B). Thereafter, the hinge is built into a case **42**. Since the elastic member **43** is elastically deformed, a hinge portion **44** is always biased to the right in FIG. **7**A.

What claim is:

1. A hinge structure for a portable type electronic equipment, for connecting a protection cover which protects a tablet type display and a substantially rectangular parallelepiped case which serves as an equipment main body with each other, comprising

a substantially cylindrical trunk portion having a predetermined length,

a pair of joint portions integrally formed on two ends of said trunk portion and projecting from said two ends of said trunk portion for a predetermined length in one direction perpendicular to an axis of said trunk portion so as to form a bracket together with said trunk portion,

a pair of first shaft projections projecting from proximal-side end faces, near said trunk portion, of said pair of joint portions for a predetermined length outward in an axial direction of said trunk portion so as to fit in said protection cover, and

two pairs of second shaft projections projecting from distal-side end faces of said pair of joint portions for a predetermined length in a direction parallel to the axis of said trunk portion so as to fit in said case.

2. A hinge structure according to claim **1**, wherein at least one of said pair of first shaft projections that fit in said protection cover is slidable in an axial direction thereof to be able to project/retract, thereby enabling said protection cover to be mounted on/detached from said case.

3. A hinge structure according to claim **1**, wherein at least two outer ones of said two pairs of second shaft projections have projecting portions integrally projecting radially downward.

4. A hinge structure according to claim **1**, wherein said bracket is arranged and constructed for being joined with a notebook having binder pawls.

5. A combination of an electronic device, a protective cover for said device, a notebook for said device, and a hinge for selectively joining said device to one of said protective cover and said notebook;

said notebook comprising plural spaced apart and selectively opened pairs of binder pawls;